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THE HIERARCHY IN OUR COLONIAL POSSESSIONS

No sketch of the Catholic Hierarchy would not be complete without a word about the Church in our Colonial possessions.¹

I. PORTO RICO.

The first place among these belongs to Porto Rico. Pope Julius II (Nov. 15, 1504) established the first ecclesiastical province in the New World, which was shortly afterward suppressed. Seven years later (August 8, 1511), the same Pope erected three new dioceses, one of which was in the Island of San Juan, the name now given solely to the chief City of Porto Rico, but which then applied to the whole Island. These new dioceses were made suffragans of the Province of Seville, Spain. The Diocese of Porto Rico (since Feb. 20, 1903) is subject immediately to the Holy See.

The Reverend *Alonso Manso*, Canon of the Cathedral of Salmanaca, who had been elected Bishop of Magua, one of the suppressed sees, was transferred to San Juan, of which he took possession two years later in 1513, being the first bishop to reach the New World. There have been fifty occupants since the erection of the see. The first American bishop was the *Most Rev. James H. Blenk* who was appointed June 12, 1899, and became Archbishop of New Orleans April 20, 1906. He died April 20, 1917. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. William A. Jones*, O.S.A., born at Cambridge, N. G., July 21, 1865, consecrated February 24, 1907. The diocese has 129 priests, 93 churches and the Catholic population is placed at 1,000,000.

II. THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Islands constitute the Province of Manila. The Diocese of Manila was erected in 1581 and was made an archdiocese in 1585.

¹ Cf. Bishop Corrigan's articles on the *Catholic Hierarchy of the United States*, in the *Catholic Historical Review*, Vol. I, 367; Vol. II, pp. 127, 283; Vol. III, pp. 22, 151. In the last article on *The Hierarchy of the United States*, by an oversight, the diocese of SIOUX CITY, Iowa was omitted from the Province of Dubuque. This Diocese was erected January 15, 1902, by Pope Leo XIII, who detached from the Archdiocese of Dubuque twenty-four counties in the northwestern part of Iowa with an area of 14,518 square miles. The first and present bishop is the Right Reverend Philip J. Garrigan, born January 25, 1840, and ordained June 11, 1870. He was appointed March 21, 1902, and was consecrated May 25, 1902. The Rev. Edmund H. Heelan, Rector of the Sacred Heart Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa, has recently been appointed auxiliary to Bishop Garrigan.

The first American archbishop was the *Most Rev. Jeremiah J. Harty* appointed June 6, 1903. He is now bishop of Omaha, to which he was transferred May 16, 1916. The present archbishop is the *Most Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty*, appointed Bishop of Zamboanga, June 19, 1911, and translated to Manila, September 6, 1916. The Suffragan Sees of Manilla are:

1. The Diocese of Cebu erected August 14, 1595. The first American bishop was the *Right Rev. Thomas A. Hendrick* consecrated at Rome, August 23, 1903. He died November 29, 1909. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. Juan P. Gorordo*, consecrated as auxiliary, June 24, 1909, and made Bishop of Cebu April 2, 1910.

2. The diocese of Nueva Segovia, erected August 14, 1595. The first American bishop was the *Right Rev. Denis J. Dougherty* appointed July 10, 1908. He is now Bishop of Buffalo, to which See he was transferred December 5, 1915. The second American bishop was the *Right Rev. James J. Carroll*, consecrated February 14, 1909. His health compelled him to resign. He was made titular Bishop of Metellopolis, became Rector of St. Edward's Parish in Philadelphia, and died April 4, 1913. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. Peter Joseph Hurth*, C.S.C. He was appointed Bishop of Dacca, East Indies, June 26, 1894, titular Bishop of Melopotamus, February 15, 1909, and Bishop of Nueva Segovia January 7, 1913.

3. The Diocese of Nueva Caceres, erected August 15, 1595. The first bishop appointed after American occupation was the *Right Rev. Jorge Barlin Imperial* consecrated June 29, 1906. He died at Rome, September 5, 1909. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. John B. MacGinley*, appointed April 2, 1910.

4. The Diocese of Jaro, erected May 27, 1865. The first American Bishop, who was the fourth occupant of the See was the *Right Rev. Frederick Z. Rooker*, consecrated June 14, 1903. He died in 1907 and was succeeded by Bishop Dougherty the present Bishop of Buffalo. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. Maurice Foley* transferred to this diocese in succession to Bishop Dougherty, September 6, 1916. Pope Pius X, April 10, 1910, erected four new dioceses in the Philippines: Calbayog, Lipa, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga.

5. The first and present bishop of Calbayog is the *Right Rev. Pablo Singzon* appointed April 12, 1910, and consecrated June 12, 1910.

6. The first bishop of Lipa was the *Right Rev. Joseph Petrelli*, who was at the time secretary of the apostolic Delegate Monsignor Agius. He was appointed April 12, 1910, and was consecrated June 12, 1910. He is now titular Archbishop of Nisibis and Apostolic Delegate in the Philippine Islands. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. Alfredo Verzosa*, appointed September 6, 1916.

7. The first bishop of Tuguegarao was the *Right Rev. Maurice P. Foley*, appointed September 10, 1910. He is now Bishop of Jaro. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. James Sancho*, appointed February 5, 1917.

8. The *Right Rev. Charles Warren Currier* was appointed Bishop of Zamboanga, but he declined, and the first bishop was the *Right Rev. Michael J. O'Doherty*, appointed June 19, 1911. He was transferred to Manila, September 6, 1916. The present bishop is the *Right Rev. James McCloskey*, appointed February 5, 1917, and consecrated May 1, 1917.

III. THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

These comprised a prefecture Apostolic from 1827 to 1840, when they were made a part of the Vicariate Apostolic of Oceania. In 1847 the Vicariate Apostolic of the Hawaiian Islands was established. The present Vicar, the fourth in succession, is the *Right Rev. Libertus Boeynaems*, titular Bishop of Zeugma, appointed April 8, 1903 and consecrated July 25, 1903.

IV. GUAM

The Island of Guam, which is also a possession of the United States, constitutes a Vicariate Apostolic, erected March 1, 1911. The Vicar is the *Right Rev. Joachim Olaiz y Zabalsa*, a Capuchin, who is titular Bishop of Docimeo. He was appointed July 20, 1914 and was consecrated November 30, 1914.

V. SAMOA

The United States' possessions in Samoa, with a Catholic population of about 1,000, form a part of the Vicariate Apostolic of the Navigator Islands. The Vicar is the *Right Rev. Peter Broyer*, Marist, titular Bishop of Polemonium, appointed March 30, 1896.

VI. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

And, finally, the Virgin Islands, which have recently been purchased from Denmark, by the United States, form a part of the Diocese of Roseau, of which the present bishop is the *Right Rev. Philip Schelfhaut*, C.S.S.R. Born in Belgium, September 27, 1850, he was ordained October 18, 1878, and was consecrated, March 16, 1902. The different islands of the Carribean Sea, which constitute the Diocese of Roseau, belonged to the Vicariate Apostolic of Port of Spain up to April 30, 1850, when Pope Pius IX erected an episcopal see at Roseau, the capital of Dominica. The first bishop was the *Right Rev. Michael Monaghan*, consecrated February 16, 1851. He died, August 14,

1855, and was succeeded by the *Right Rev. Michael Vesque*, who died August 10, 1859. The third bishop was the *Right Rev. René Marie Charles Poirier, C.J.M.*, who governed the diocese from 1859 to 1878. Then came the *Right Rev. Michael Naughton* from 1880 to July 4, 1900. The diocese comprises the Island of Dominica with 30,000 Catholics; Montserrat with 600; St. Kitts, 1,500. In the smaller islands there are so few Catholics that no priest has ever been resident. The Island of St. Thomas has one parish, one church, three priests and one chapel, and 3,000 Catholics; St. Croix has two parishes, four priests, two churches and one chapel, with 4,100 Catholics. These two last islands are now United States territory. The total Protestant population is about 100,000. With the exception of two parishes served by diocesan priests, the whole diocese is under the care of the Redemptorist Fathers of the Belgian Province and of the Fathers of Mary Immaculate. Quite recently the Belgian Redemptorists have been replaced by Fathers of the American Province.

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